Joshua Thomas Smith
joshua.smith@aggiemail.usu.edu
joshuathomassmith.weebly.com
(435)-754-8383

Education

Utah State University

Bachelor of Science of Economics with Departmental Honors (Graduation 2016)

- Classes
  - ECN 5150 – Comparative Economic Systems (H)
  - ECN 5100 – History of Economic Thought
  - ECN 4500 – Political Economy of the EU (H)
  - ECN 3400 – Introduction to the Global Economic Environment
  - ECN 3300 – Contemporary Issues in International Trade (H)
  - PHIL 3580 – Ethics and Economic Life*
  - ECN 309 – Economic Problems and Public Policy†

Bachelor of Science of Political Science (Graduation 2016)

- Emphases
  - Political Theory
  - American Government
- Classes
  - POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism*
  - POLS 4120 – American Constitutional Law
  - POLS 4130 – Constitutional Theory
  - POLS 4320 – History of Political Thought
  - POLS 4910 – Special Readings – Exit Polling
  - MGT 3830 – International Law (H)
  - ECN 4500 – Political Economy of the EU (H)
  - GOVT 420 – American Political Thought†

Quantitative Classes

- MATH 1060 – Trigonometry
- MATH 1100 – Calculus Techniques
- STAT 2000 – Statistical Methods
- STAT 2300 – Business Statistics

Research Interests

- Economic causes and explanations for inequality
- Economic opportunity and social mobility
- Law and economics
- Economic freedom
- Political philosophy
- Capitalism and society
- The moral limits of markets
- The revolving door phenomenon

(H) denotes an honors class.
* denotes a current class
† denotes a class taken at George Mason University and awarded transfer credit

Experience

Strata (2014 – Present)

- Student Research Associate
- Assist professors with research for future publications
- Participate in student development seminars and related events

Teacher's Assistant (2013 – 2014)

- Assisted professors with grading and administration of an introductory economics class which had over 300 students
- Tutored students and ran review sessions before examinations

Intern for the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Summer of 2014)

- Assisted staff members with research
- Staffed committee hearings
- Wrote lines of questioning for committee hearings

Undergraduate Teaching Fellow (2015 – Present)

- Assisted a professor teaching an introductory political theory class

Honors Teaching Fellow (2015 – Present)

- Designed and administered class activities
- Tutored students 18 Honors students in an Honors introductory microeconomics course
- Taught class when the professor was away attending conferences

Awards and Honors

Academic

- 3.97 GPA Overall
- Utah State University Honors Program – (2012 – Present)
    - Maintain 3.5 GPA while completing special research projects culminating in a Honors Capstone Project
- A-Pin – recognition for two consecutive semesters of earning a 4.0 GPA
- Huntsman School of Business Dean's List – (2012 – Present)
    - Maintaining a 3.5
- Engalitcheff Excellence in Economics Award – Summer 2014
    - Selected by the economics professor from a class of about 80 as the top student in economics in the 2014 Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems program

Scholarships

- Regents Scholarship – $4,000 over four semesters awarded for excellent high school achievement
- Dean's Scholarship – Admissions Scholarship covering all tuition and fees for two years
- Huntsman Scholars – Study abroad program covering the costs of a month abroad in Europe
- Harmon Scholarship – $5,000 over two semesters for political science students
- Wanlass Scholarship – $2,500 over two semesters for outstanding business students
- Nora S & M Perry Scholarship – $3,000 award over two semesters for outstanding business students

Service

Assistant Debate Coach at Sky View High School

- I volunteer my time coaching novice debaters on research, speaking, and argumentation
- I help manage Sky View's team of about 85 members
- I have given lectures on economics, philosophy, and current events
- I chaperone tournaments of up to 40 students

Honors Student Council

- I am Vice President of the Honors Student Council at Utah State University
- I help plan, organize, and put into action activities for the 400 Honors students at Utah State University

Huntsman Scholars

- Participated in the organization, planning, and collection of supplies for the first homeless youth resource center in Cache Valley Utah
- Mentored elementary school students in an afterschool program
- Mentored first year students at Utah State University who were in the first year of their Huntsman Scholars program

USU Pre-Law Society Vice President

- I am a founding member and Vice President of the Pre-Law Society which is striving to educate students about careers related to law
- I have helped to grow a network of resources to connect prospective law students to mentors and provide information about the law school application process

Honors Last Lecture Committee Chair and Member

- Nominated by Honors professors to interview candidates for the Honor Program's Honorary Last Lecture
- I have been chosen by the Honors Program to serve as the Committee Chair for the 2015 Last Lecture

Professional Development Activities

Scholars Semester Study Abroad

- As part of the Huntsman Scholars program I spent a month in Europe studying: government, international business, intercultural communication, comparative economic systems, and entrepreneurship
- Attended site briefings and business visits in order to examine the interaction between government and businesses and gain insights into how businesses run on a day-to-day basis

Huntsman Scholars

- Readings and discussions on economic, social, and cultural issues
- Interviewing workshop
- Résumé workshop
- Service projects

Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems

- Summer semester at George Mason University run by the Fund for American Studies
- Development Events:
    - Graduate school preparation and seminar
    - Networking seminar
- Site Briefings:
    - CIA
    - Federal Reserve
    - World Bank
    - Public Affairs Council
- Special lectures by professors, politicians, and social activists

Research on Capitol Hill

- Presented a poster of original research on the revolving door between government and business interests to state legislators and lobbyists as part of the state-wide undergraduate research conference in Salt Lake City
- I will also be presenting this same research to the Honors Program students as part of the Food for Thought event that is meant to raise awareness about research revolving around business and political science, two areas students struggle to develop research questions

References

Academic

Peter McNamara – Political Theory Professor at Utah State University
- 435-797-1318
- peter.mcnamara@usu.edu

John Ferguson – Management and Huntsman Scholar Faculty Fellow at Utah State University
- 435-797-0997
- john.ferguson@usu.edu

Work Experience

Megan Hansen – Policy Analyst at Strata
- 435-213-7117
- megan@strata.org

Randy Simmons – Professor and founder of Strata
- randy.simmons@usu.edu
- 435-797-1310

Character and Service

Jody Orme – Head Debate Coach at Sky View High School
- 435-770-9478
- jody.orme@ccsdut.org

Amber Summers-Graham – Honors Program Coordinator
- 435-797-3790
- amber.summers@usu.edu